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TRADE, TECHNOLOGY, & HEALTH TOP AGENDA

Lt. Governor Jane Norton to lead national discussions

(DENVER) - The second-highest ranking officials in the states and territories will gather in Seattle, Washington, beginning July 17, 2006. More than twenty of the nation's lieutenant governors will hear from federal speakers, Washington State's governor, and Microsoft's general counsel during the Annual Meeting of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). As chair of the NLGA, Lt. Governor Norton will lead discussions focusing on security and the world's growing economic interdependence, cutting edge information technology advances and key health issues in the states.

United States Foreign and Commercial Service Deputy Director Tom McGinnty will be on a panel detailing tools available to states in increasing foreign trade. Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Frank Moss will lead discussions on new identification requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), effective in January 2006, which will affect millions of Americans by requiring passports to re-enter the United States. Attendees will also receive international protocol training.

Dr. David Brailer, President George W. Bush's Coordinator for Health Information Technology, will preview what the future holds from biosurveillance to electronic medical records. Kansas Lt. Governor John Moore will brief attendees on his state's efforts to implement electronic medical records in the Medicaid population while local physician Dr. Steven Egge shares insight on using such records.

At Microsoft, General Counsel Brad Smith will enlighten attendees on changes which can be expected around the world in coming decades as technology advances. NLGA members will also participate in an interactive simulation using new technology to streamline regulatory processes. Likewise, at Boeing, NLGA members will tour the aircraft production line experiencing first-hand factory conditions, security issues, and the science behind the building the world's airplanes.

Other speakers will address health and fitness, including school efforts and issues. Norton will introduce resolutions asking members of the National Lieutenant Governor's Associations to support Denver-based America on the Move to improve public physical fitness and a national public awareness campaign called "Ending Cervical Cancer in our Lifetime."

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